Revenues from Rail Tel Corporation

732. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2000-2001 Railway Budget the then Railway Minister had anticipated huge revenues from Rail Tel Corporation of India Rs. 700 crores in 2000-2001 and Rs. 500 crores this year;

(b) if so, whether the anticipated revenue was generated; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and who is responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Railway Budget for 2000-2001 had anticipated Rs. 500 crore from Right of Way which did not materialise. The Railway Budget for 2001-2002 had projected Rs. 700 crore from Right of Way which is also not likely to materialise due to value of Right of Way coming down and Railways' plan to lease the Right of Way on long term annual lease basis. The Right of Way is currently in the process of being leased to Rail Tel Corporation of India Limited.

Shifting of Railway Zonal Office from Bangalore

733. SHRI S. R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Supreme Court has vacated the stay order granted by the Karnataka High Court regarding shifting of the Railway Zonal Office from Bangalore to Hubli and has observed that the Union Government have the discretion to have the Zonal Office, wherever it decides;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to shift the Railway Zonal Office from Bangalore to Hubli, in view of Supreme Court order; and

(c) if so, what is the progress and if not, what are the reasons therefor?